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SUBJECT:IRANIAN HELICOPTERS TO PAKISTAN

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1. SINCE WE ASSUME IT ONLY MATTER OF TIME UNTIL WORD OF
DEPLOYMENT OF IRANIAN HELICOPTERS HITS PRESS, ESPECIALLY
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SINCE BBC NOW HAS STORY, WE WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP CON-
TINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE. FOR TIME BEING, TEHRAN AND
ISLAMABAD SHOULD NOT DISCUSS THIS WITH IRANIANS OR PAKS.
ONCE WE DECIDE ON CONTINGENCY LINE, HOWEVER, WE THINK IT

ADVISABLE TO INFORM THEM.

2. OUR TENTATIVE VIEW IS THAT WE SHOULD DEAL WITH ANY
QUERIES IN AS STRAIGHT-FORWARD MANNER AS POSSIBLE,
ESSENTIALLY TAKING THE LINE WHICH WE HAVE AUTHORIZED
DELHI TO USE IN ANSWERING POSSIBLE QUESTIONS BY INDIAN
GOVERNMENT ON THE HELICOPTERS (PARA 2 REFTEL). WE WOULD
(1) CONFIRM THAT IRAN INFORMED US OF TEMPORARY DEPLOYMENT
OF HELICOPTERS IN PAKISTAN AND IF PRESSED (2) INDICATE
THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCE IRANIAN ACTION DOES NOT
VIOLATE ANY COMMITMENT TO THE US REGARDING THESE PARTIC-
ULAR HELICOPTERS, MADE IN ITALY UNDER US LICENSE.

3. WE NOTE IN ISLAMABAD 9390 THAT PAKS HAVE ALREADY
ISSUED DENIAL THAT IRANIAN "TANKS AND TROOPS" DEPLOYED
IN BALUCHISTAN BUT HAVE SAID NOTHING ABOUT HELICOPTERS.

4. GIVE US YOUR COMMENTS. RUSH

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